PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

All pending claims in the present application are set forth as follows. No claim is amended, newly presented, or canceled.

39. (Previously Presented) A method of exporting data from a table into a dump file, said table being subdivided into a number of partitions, said method comprising the steps of:

selecting a fewer number of partitions of the table than the number of partitions of the table; and

for each of the selected partitions of the table, storing in the dump file data contained in said each of the selected partitions of the table, wherein data contained in a partition of the table that is not selected is not stored in the dump file and

wherein the dump file includes statements in a data description language (DDL) describing how to recreate the data contained in said each of the selected partitions of the table.

40. (Original) A method according to claim 39, wherein the fewer number of partitions is exactly one.

41. (Original) A computer-readable medium bearing instructions arranged, upon execution, to cause one or more processors to perform the steps of the method according to claim 39.

42. (Original) A computer-readable medium bearing instructions arranged, upon execution, to cause one or more processors to perform the steps of the method according to claim 40.

43. (Previously Presented) A method of importing data from a dump file into a relational database table, said method comprising the steps of:

retrieving from the dump file data contained in selected partitions of a first relational database table, wherein the selected partitions are a subset of a total number of partitions of the first relational database table; and

importing the data contained in selected partitions into corresponding partitions of a second relational database table, wherein the corresponding partitions are a subset of a total number of partitions of the second relational database table,

wherein the dump file includes statements in a data description language (DDL) describing how to recreate the data contained in said each of the selected partitions of the table.

44. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 43, wherein the subset of the total number of partitions is exactly one.

45. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium bearing instructions arranged, upon execution, to cause one or more processors to perform the steps of the method according to claim 43.

46. (Previously Presented) A method of exporting data from a database object into a dump file, said method comprising the steps of:

subdividing the database object into a number of partitions;

selecting a fewer number of partitions than the number of partitions; and

for each of the selected partitions, storing in the dump file data contained in said each of the selected partitions, wherein data contained in a partition that is not selected is not stored in the dump file,

wherein the dump file includes statements in a data description language (DDL) describing how to recreate the data contained in said each of the selected partitions of the table.

47. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 46, wherein the database object includes one of a relational database table, a database data container, and object oriented database object class.

48. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 46, wherein the fewer number of partitions is exactly one.

49. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium bearing instructions arranged, upon execution, to cause one or more processors to perform the steps of the method according to claim 46.

50. (Previously Presented) A method of importing data from a dump file into a database object, said method comprising the steps of:

retrieving from the dump file data contained in selected partitions of a first database object, wherein the selected partitions are a subset of a total number of partitions of the first database object; and

importing the data contained in selected partitions into corresponding partitions of a second database object, wherein the corresponding partitions are a subset of a total number of partitions of the second database object,

wherein the dump file includes statements in a data description language (DDL) describing how to recreate the data contained in said each of the selected partitions of the table.

51. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 50, wherein the first and second database objects include one of a relational database table, a database data container, and object oriented database object class.

52. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 50, wherein the subset of the total number of partitions is exactly one.

53. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium bearing instructions arranged, upon execution, to cause one or more processors to perform the steps of the method according to claim 50.

54. (Canceled)

55. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the storing includes exporting the data contained in each of the selected partitions of the table into the dump file.

56-57. (Canceled)

58. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 46, wherein the storing includes exporting the data contained in each of the selected partitions of the table into the dump file.

59. (Canceled)